

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and Listings of claims in this application.

1. (Previously presented) A method for formatting a document, comprising:
dividing the document into regions;
specifying a text layer for text in a plurality of the regions, wherein each region of the plurality of the regions corresponds to text having the same color;
specifying a non-text layer for the plurality of the regions; and
identifying color information for the text in the text layers.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
compressing the text layers using a first compression technique; and
compressing the non-text layers using a second compression technique.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein:
the compressing the text layer step includes using a lossless compression method for the first compression technique; and
the compressing the non-text layer step includes using a lossy compression method for the second compression technique.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising associating a color value with pixels in the non-text layers.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the associating the color value step includes specifying red-green-blue values for the pixels.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including storing the layers of the plurality of the regions in a portable document format.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifying step includes specifying a uniform text color for the text in the regions.
8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the associating the color value step includes specifying background color information for the text layers.
9. (Previously presented) An apparatus for formatting a document, comprising:
a module for dividing the document into regions;

a text module for specifying a text layer for text in a plurality of the regions, wherein each region of the plurality of the regions corresponds to text having the same color;

a non-text module for specifying a non-text layer for the plurality of the regions; and

a color module for identifying color information for the text in the text layers.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a compression module for compressing the text layers using a first compression technique and for compressing the non-text layers using a second compression technique.

11. (Original) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the compression module includes a module for providing a lossless compression method for the first compression technique and a lossy compression method for the second compression technique.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a module for associating a color value with pixels in the non-text layers.

13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the module for associating the color value includes a module for specifying red-green-blue values for the pixels.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9, further including a module for storing the layers of each of the regions in a portable document format.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 9 wherein the color module includes a module for specifying a uniform text color for the text in the regions.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 12 wherein the module for associating the color value includes a module for specifying background color information for the text layers.

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